National Renewal Fund

@@3117. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Renewal Fund is primarily or even only being used as a public sector employees' retrenchment benefit fund;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the important aspects of retraining and redeployment are being marginalised, hence increasing the problem of labour redundancy; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) In the first instance, assistance from the National Renewal Fund has been provided for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Central Public Sector Undertakings. Rs. 829.66 crores in 1992-93 and Rs. 830 crores in 1993-94 have been allocated for the purpose. An additional amount of Rs. 140.05 crores has also been provided for workers compensation package in the event of closure/rehabilitation and for Voluntary Retirement Scheme in State Public Sector Undertakings. A sum of Rs. 50 crores has also been made available for workers' counselling and retraining and for area regeneration schemes, in the financial year 1993-94. Six pilot projects have been approved for the purpose of worker retraining and redeployment.

Arrears by SEBs and Power Corporations to BHEL

@@@3118. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrears from various state electricity boards and Power Corporations to BHEL have increased considerably;

(b) if so, the break-up of such arrears for the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992.93 and as on date; and

(c) the measures being taken by BHEL to realise these arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The break-up of the arrears are approximately as under:—

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

	SEBs	Power Corpns.	Total
1990-91	599	435	1034
1991-92	618	449	1067
1992-93	724	527	1251
As on (end Jan., 1994)	595	427	1022

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